

Three Israeli pilots back from Syrian captivity: hope for Cairo exchange

Pilots tell of torture

By HIRSH GOODMAN, Jerusalem Post Military Correspondent
Three Israeli pilots, held as prisoners of war by Syria for three years, were returned to Israel yesterday. In return, Israel released 46 Syrians—including five high ranking officers—and 10 Lebanese soldiers—two of them officers. The O.C. Northern Command, Aluf Yitzhak Hofi, also granted amnesty to Kamal Assad Kanj, the Druse leader who in May 1972 was sentenced to 23 years for spying of behalf of the Syrians.

The three pilots—Gideon Magen, 37, of Kibbutz Ein Shemer; Pinhas Nahmani, 30, of Yokne'am, and Boaz Eitan, 24, of Moshav Hofit—are all reported in "fairly good" health despite three years of torture in Syrian jails.

Magen and Nahmani were shot down on April 4, 1970 in their Phantom jet by a ground-to-air missile. Eitan, a Mirage pilot, was taken prisoner on June 26 that year after being downed in a clash over the Golan Heights.

There are still 10 Israeli prisoners being held captive in Egypt—six of them pilots. Shortly after meeting the returning pilots at the Ahmadiya crossroads on the Golan Heights yesterday morning, Defence Minister Moshe Dayan said Syria's decision would hopefully make it easier for Egypt to effect a similar exchange. "We for our part," he said, "will do everything possible." Israel holds 56 Egyptian P.O.W.s.

Syria's decision to release the three Israelis was a direct result of the capture of the five senior Syrian officers on June 21 last year. The five, Brigadier General Adham Alousi, Colonel Radwan Alnah, Colonel Nazir Jerrakh—all of them from the operations branch of the Syrian General Staff; and Lt. Col. Walid Abassi and Lt. Col. Radd Sorbati—both of Syrian Air Force Intelligence, were captured while inspecting Lebanon's border with Israel.

Speaking to the pilots and their families at an air force base in northern Israel last night, Mr. Dayan said that the Syrians agreed to release the pilots earlier than the five officers might have been captured as well.

He praised the International Red Cross for its part in making the exchange possible. This is the first time since the Six Day War that Syria has released Israeli P.O.W.s. In March 1971 they released Samuel Rosenwasser, a civilian watchman who had been seized on the outskirts of Mafraq.

Telling of their ordeal, the pilots said they had been beaten continuously. They were reluctant to go into detail before members of their families with whom they had been united only an hour before and they spoke in generalities.

Boaz Eitan—the youngest of the pilots—said that when he reminded the Syrians that as prisoners of war they were entitled to the treatment specified by the Geneva Convention, the Syrians "said the Convention does not apply to Jews." He said that the Syrians used electric shocks during interrogations, and had beaten the soles of his feet with bamboo canes. "I also left my toenails behind in Syria," he said.

Pinhas Nahmani said that as a result of Syrian treatment he had lost the hearing in his right ear. "We were hit on the head. One blow per second for long periods at a time. Believe me it was not easy," Nahmani, who was injured while bailing out of the aircraft, said that he had received no medical treatment for the first five days he was in captivity. "They used my injuries to make the torture more painful," he said.

Gideon Magen, who seems to have been the leader of the group, said that for the first period—he did not specify how long—the men had been kept separately, were questioned for long periods and were not allowed rest or proper food. He lost 18 kgs. while in Syria. They saw a Red Cross representative for the first time only 4½ months after being captured.

The men were never told that they would be released, but sensed recently that they would be. "We knew the end of the ordeal was near when they asked us whether we had ties and jackets," Magen said. "I never doubted for a minute, he said, that everything was being done to get them home."

The exchange of prisoners took place yesterday.

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MOVE DEFUSES TENSION

By ANAN SAFADI

Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter

Syria's release of three Israeli captives against the return of 46 Syrian and ten Lebanese prisoners has helped to defuse the tension generated over the past few weeks by Egypt's war talk and its noisy preparations for this week's debate on the Middle East in the U.N. Security Council.

The Syrian move is believed to have been coordinated with Egypt. Cairo is now expected to make her own move towards releasing ten Israeli prisoners against the return of 56 Egyptians held here.

On the eve of the Security Council debate Wednesday, the Egyptians appear to be trying to show that the Arabs have "cleared the decks" of all outstanding issues with Israel so as to get down to the real business of the territories held by Israel since 1967.

The Egyptians are believed to have sought to avoid a possible reversal of Foreign Minister Abba Eban's call for Paris-type Vietnam peace talks, the bulk of which were devoted to the issue of prisoner exchanges.

Egypt and Syria have been cooperating more closely since their joining together in a federation

(which also includes a less cooperative Libya).

Damascus' gesture was probably prompted as well by pressure exerted by the influential families and aides of the Syrian prisoners who included five high ranking intelligence officers.

Coming in the wake of Cairo's intimation that it might be prepared to hold indirect talks with Israel, the Syrian move indicates a switch in Arab policy. It seems to be designed to achieve an Israeli withdrawal from the territories by political rather than military means.

Golda: Happy for Lebanese, Syrian families

Jerusalem Post Reporter

"I am happy that dozens of Syrian and Lebanese families are being reunited with their sons, brothers, fathers and husbands," said Prime Minister Golda Meir in Jerusalem yesterday afternoon. She added: "I hope that in future there will be no more wars—and no more prisoners on either side."

Mrs. Meir was addressing 3,000 graduates of Government-sponsored citizenship courses at a ceremony in Binyanei Ha'Oma. During yesterday's Cabinet session, Foreign Minister Abba Eban announced the news about the prisoner exchange, and detailed the long and laborious negotiations, through the International Red Cross in Geneva, which preceded it.

Syria closing air space to Lebanon

DAMASCUS (UPI).—Syria, which closed its border with Lebanon on May 8, will close its air space to Lebanese flights, Syrian government sources said yesterday.

There was no immediate explanation of the Government's action, and further details were not available.

(But in Beirut, political sources said the Syrian action would be aimed at making impossible the airlift of Lebanese goods to the Persian Gulf and Saudi Arabia, which was instituted after the land transit route was closed.

SOVIET TUPOLEV JET CRASHES AT PARIS AIR SHOW; 14 DEAD

(AP).—The sleek, needle-nosed Soviet TU-144 supersonic jet exploded and broke apart shortly after take-off yesterday at the Paris Air Show. All 14 persons on board were killed.

More than 300,000 horrified spectators watched the spectacular crash of the supersonic jet, the pride of Russia's aviation industry, on the final day of the Paris Air Show.

The jet, piloted by a Soviet test pilot, was seen to climb steeply, level out, and then plummet to the ground.

The TU-144, the only competitor to the British-French Concorde, had been the centre of attention at the show. It had been seen to go into commercial service in 1975, but the Soviet Union's deputy minister of aeronautics production disclosed last week that some problems with the plane still remained to be ironed out.

The plane which crashed was described as a production model. The Soviet Union has seven or eight others.

Soviet officials gathered at the police station in Goussainville, north of Paris, where the plane cut a swath through about a dozen houses.

Vasili Kasakov, Soviet deputy minister of aeronautics industry, used both hands to wipe away tears as a burned shoe, two parachutes and a scorched flight cap were placed at his feet.

Among the victims aboard the plane was the director of test flights, Vladimir Benderov.

Son of the plane's designer, Alexei Tupolev, who was at the air show, flew immediately by helicopter to the crash scene and spent three hours there. He refused to comment to reporters when he returned to Le Bourget.

Officials said it was too early to say what caused the accident. Andre Turcat, chief pilot of the French firm which is a co-builder of the Concorde supersonic airliner, said the key lay in what made the plane tip downward after it levelled out.

A film of the accident clearly showed the blue and white plane disintegrating in mid-air some 30 metres above the ground, with flames shooting from the right wing. First the left wing, then the right, broke off, and then plane split up into huge flaming fragments.

The plane was flying at sub-sonic speed at the time of the crash, with its landing gear out.

The wreckage of the delta-winged plane was scattered over an area hundreds of metres wide. Pieces of fabric from the cabin furnishings were draped over telephone lines.

"We were sitting calmly in our living room when there was a whistling, shuddering sound, followed by an explosion which rattled all our windows," said the owner of a house less than two blocks from the crash. "You would have thought you were in hell," said Mme. Nicole Lecoq, whose house was damaged by a big piece of debris.

Officials sifting through the wrecked homes said it would take at least 24 hours to complete their inspection.

French Transport Minister Yves Guena rushed to the scene and said after a quick tour of the area, "It is a miracle that there were not dozens of dead when you see the number of smashed houses."

The Tupolev's demonstration flight came just after a similar exhibition by the Concorde, which it closely resembles.

Freed spy returns to Golan home

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Sheikh Kamal Kanj, the amnestied Syrian spy, yesterday afternoon returned to his home town of Majdal Shams on the Golan Heights to a hearty welcome by hundreds of Druse villagers from his own and neighbouring villages.

Accompanied by the Military Governor of the Golan Heights, Sheikh Kanj took the opportunity to thank the Prime Minister, the Defence Minister and the Chief of Staff for their decision to pardon him and for the way he was treated in prison.

"The entire world should learn from Israel how to treat human beings even if they are security prisoners," he said.

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PILOTS RETURN. — Phantom pilot Nahmani (above left) and Mirage pilot Boaz Eitan, minutes after they crossed back into Israel at the Ahmadiya crossroad yesterday after three years in Syrian captivity. Behind them, partially concealed by the camera, are left to right: Defence Minister Moshe Dayan and (wearing sunglasses) O.C. Air Force Aluf Binyamin Peled. Below, pilot Gideon Magen is greeted by Defence Minister Moshe Dayan on his return yesterday.



Talks held with U.S. on arms deal with Arabs

By DAVID LANDAU

Post Diplomatic Correspondent

Cabinet yesterday discussed S. arms deals with Saudi Arabia and Kuwait—but was to reach a definitive assessment of the information in its

ion was not yet comprehensive talks with Washington are

receding Ambassador Simcha met with National Security

Henry Kissinger over the

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Department spokesman at

last week that press re-

of the arms deals were more

correct—but officials in

are still hoping that they

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boats—are of the essence

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Israel's first line of argu-

will be to press the U.S. to

guarantees are part of every Amer-

ican arms contract—and they

never work when it comes to the

crunch. In May 1967 Jordanian

Parliament crossed the River Jordan

despite a clause in their purchase

contract forbidding this. And King

Hussein put his soldiers and weapons

under the command of the

Egyptian Chief of Staff.

Failing efforts to persuade the

U.S. to reduce its supplies to the

Gulf States, Israel would demand

that the arms balance be redressed.

For Israel, a satisfactory arms

balance must mean overall Israeli

superiority, a Cabinet source stressed

to the Post, because Israel cannot

afford to lose a war.

This source acknowledged that

the possible need for an "agonizing

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Soviet civil rights under back Leviches

Jerusalem Post Staff
Soviet physicist and rights leader Professor Sakharov yesterday called for international concentration on the behalf of the Levich family. The call was contained in a letter sent to Tel Aviv University President Professor Yoram Alon, head of the committee of scientists for Soviet civil rights.

Levich, a corresponding member of the Academy of Sciences, was arrested in 1967, and is now in a psychiatric hospital. He was arrested, drafted, and sent to a camp in the town of the Laptev brothers, despite the fact that he was under treatment for cancer, chronic ulcers and other internal diseases.

Sakharov, who is not known for his action by the authorities, came to the Soviet Union and did not seek asylum. He also wrote that it was a "fact of vengeance" that the Levich family because of its political activity was not to be treated as a political prisoner.

Prof. Sakharov pointed out that Yegorov, a scientist in his own right, was not just the son of the famous Soviet scientist who died to emigrate.

Prof. Sakharov said he became a Soviet citizen because he was a scientist and a scientist's work and Yegorov's work were not separated. He said that the Soviet Union was a country of scientific knowledge and that he was sure that his activity might be very important.

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High school fee rise approved

Jerusalem Post Economic Correspondent
High school fees will be increased in the coming year by half the original figure proposed, and range from IL60 more a year (for those enjoying reduced fees) to IL115 more. They will yield an extra IL15m. instead of IL30m.

This decision was taken by the Ministerial Economic Committee yesterday, despite Education Minister Yigal Alon's desire to freeze existing fees — a proposal that nobody else in the committee supported.

The committee spokesman, Dr. Michael Mir, explained that 60 per cent of the high school population are exempt from school fees altogether, so are not affected by the change. Only 20 per cent pay the full sum, the remainder enjoying deductions.

Before the increase, the fees were IL1,205 in grade 10, IL1,370 in grade 11 and IL1,481 in grade 12.

Cabinet mourns Haim Halperin

The Cabinet stood in silence at its weekly session yesterday to mark the memory of E.U. agriculture Prof. Haim Halperin, who died in Tel Aviv on Saturday aged 77.

Former Golda Meir, in a brief eulogy, spoke of Prof. Halperin's Zionist antecedents and his pioneering work for scientific agriculture during 49 years in this country.

Prof. Halperin's tier will be placed at the new Agriculture Centre building at Sderot Shaul Hamelech in Tel Aviv at 10 a.m. today. The funeral cortege will leave from there to the Kiryat Shaul cemetery at 11 a.m.

At this point, Elyahu Haded started shouting at the prosecutor. "It's a lie. You are trying to incite them against me. This is all a frame-up."

The judge called him to order twice but he continued shouting and waving his hands at the prosecutor. "This is all a frame-up against me, and this time it will not help you."

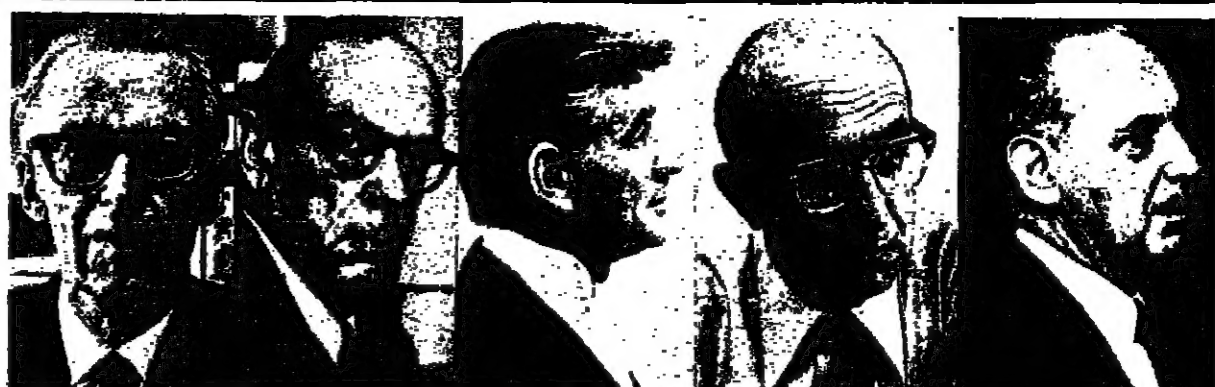
Judge Eshvor ordered him removed. She warned Rahamin, who was set free, against trying to intimidate or even meet pedlars in the Hativva market during the police investigation. The other two brothers remain in custody at the end of this week.

Key state witness murdered

HAIFA. — The charred body of the key witness in a trial for attempted murder was found at the foot of Mount Carmel south of the city on Saturday. Police identified the victim as Haim Afragan, 51, a dealer in seamen's goods from Eilat. Afragan was due to testify in the trial of Beven Wagner, 25, which opened yesterday in the Haifa District Court. Wagner, who is accused of trying to kill Afragan in a quarrel over money, denied the charges.

Afragan's body, partially burned and covered with a heap of stones, was found in a wall by a passerby. The body was taken for a post mortem to determine cause of death.

In the case against Wagner, police say he tried to kill Afragan when the dealer came to Haifa last April 25 to purchase supplies. The two men got into a fight over some money which Afragan allegedly owed Wagner. Wagner allegedly pulled out a pistol and shot twice at Afragan but missed.



H.D. Bergmann Isiah Berlin Leonard Bernstein Israel Dostrovsky Joseph Meyerhoff

TEL AVIV U. AWARDS 5 HONORARY Ph.Ds.

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Five honorary doctorates were awarded here last night by Tel Aviv University to Prof. Ernst David Bergmann, Sir Isiah Berlin, conductor Leonard Bernstein, Prof. Israel Dostrovsky and Mr. Joseph Meyerhoff.

Of the five recipients, only Leonard Bernstein was present. They were presented as part of the commencement exercises in which 130 masters degrees were awarded to graduates from all university departments, aside from business administration.

The honorary Ph.D. was bestowed upon Prof. Bergmann in recognition of his accomplishments in research and development and in the teaching of organic chemistry, as well as in recognition of his role in scientific research for the defence establishment.

The University Senate lauded Sir Isiah Berlin as "a philosopher of peerless stature," whose "lofty thoughts are ultimately related to down-to-earth realities as are the skyward-reaching branches of a tree firmly rooted in the ground."

His honorary Ph.D. comes in recognition of his role as a humanist, teacher and link between Israel and the Diaspora.

It decided to cite Leonard Bernstein "in recognition of his grandiose enrichment of music and in recognition of his committed identification with Israel."

Professor Israel Dostrovsky received his degree for his accomplishments in the application of physical chemistry theory to practice, especially in the peaceful uses of nuclear energy.

Mr. Joseph Meyerhoff is honoured for his aid to Jewish causes and for his contributions to Tel Aviv University, especially in the construction of the technical college which bears his name.

Several dozen University assistants yesterday briefly disrupted graduate school commencement ceremonies, carrying placards and heckling guest speaker Pinhas Sapir.

Wholly unembarrassed, Mr. Sapir told the assistants, who were demanding higher pay, that he is always ready to spare time to me-

date wage disputes. "I offered to take the hecklers in my car and talk to them en route to Jerusalem," they left.

Mr. Sapir then excused his own early departure by explaining that he had to get back to work and earn his pay.

INJUNCTION HALTS CAMPUS STRIKE

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — The general strike threatened by Tel Aviv University lecturers and assistants did not materialize yesterday. The academic staff instead headed a temporary court injunction against their planned walkout and showed up at work. The district labour court extended the term of the injunction.

The staff, however, did manage to disrupt studies during the noon hours, when the 1,200 lecturers and 600 assistants held a general meeting to discuss the situation. At the conclusion of the meeting they published a statement denouncing the University's resort to court action to stop the strike. This, they argue, has a most harmful effect on personal relations at the institution and evinces a lack of faith between the parties.

They called upon the University to ask to have the injunction lifted, withdraw its law suit and rather than bring the dispute before the courts, start conducting "meaningful negotiations." Both the lecturers and the assistants are demanding higher pay.

The assistants have been striking for the past six weeks and returned to work only yesterday as a result of the court order. In yesterday's meeting, the University Rector, Prof. Shlomo Simonsohn, called on the staff to consider the plight of the students only three weeks before the academic year is concluded. They are about to take end-of-year exams but can't make up lost lectures and laboratory training sessions.

Mr. Friedman had written a letter to the editor of the afternoon daily "Yedioth Aharanot," accusing the plaintiff, attorney Shmuel Segal, of distributing seditious leaflets during the Arab riots of 1929, when he was a member of the Palestine Communist Party. He also alleged that Mr. Segal was an "enemy of the people," who had been among the signers of an anti-Israel petition published in the Soviet daily "Pravda" in 1968.

District Court Judge Elihu Manzy held Mr. Friedman liable and ordered him to pay Mr. Segal IL10,000 and IL200 in lawyers' fees.

Both parties appealed to the Supreme Court — Mr. Friedman against the ruling and Mr. Segal against the small amount of the damages (he had sued for IL200,000).

Supreme Court Justices Landau, Eitzi and Kahane agreed with the lower court that the respondent had failed to prove a single one of his allegations.

In the court's 23-page decision, Justice Eitzi criticized the District Court judge for allowing Mr. Friedman to run amok during the hearing and to pry into Mr. Segal's past with "McCarthy-like tactics" (Mr. Segal was only 12 years old in 1929 when he allegedly distributed the seditious leaflets).

The small damages fixed by the District Court "stand in no proportion to the gravity of the harm done by the respondent," Justice Eitzi wrote.

The damages were doubled, to IL20,000, and Mr. Friedman was ordered to pay IL7,000 in lawyers' fees, instead of IL200. (Ithm)



Histadrut hits exclusion from Brandt's itinerary

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — The Histadrut yesterday took the unusual step of protesting its exclusion from the itinerary of West German Chancellor Willy Brandt.

This displeasure was given expression in the official communiqué issued by the Histadrut spokesman reporting on the weekly meeting of the Histadrut Central Committee. The Labour Federation leaders registered their "displeasure and regret" at the exclusion of a visit to Histadrut head offices, and at the fact "that a Socialist leader of the calibre of Willy Brandt was not afforded the opportunity of direct contact with the country's labour movement."

The Histadrut leaders nevertheless made known that they will attend all the meetings and receptions to which they were invited.

The Histadrut spokesman disclosed that some time back it had asked the West German Confederation of Labour to convey its invitation for a meeting to the Chancellor during his visit to Israel. Mr. Brandt replied in a handwritten note expressing his strong wish to accept the invitation.

Panther's 'help the poor' scheme said a swindle

TEL AVIV. — Eddie Mor (Malka), former leader of the Black Panthers, is being sued for IL26,000 by a young Bat Yam man who claims he was swindled after investing that sum in a company owned by Mor.

Meir Cohen, recently discharged from the army, charged in a civil suit before the Tel Aviv District Court that in return for investing in Mor's company, Naot Mitzpe Ltd., Mor promised a net monthly salary of IL800, accommodation in Mitzpe Ramon and employment in the plant. Mor told Cohen that his plan was to make poor men rich, and promised Cohen he would be rich within three years.

However, according to Cohen, in the months since he invested his money he had received a total of IL500, and on visiting the plant in Mitzpe Ramon had found that it was idle and the employees (also investors) without work. He said that the money he had invested had not been transferred to the company.

A temporary lien was imposed on Naot Mitzpe's property in Mitzpe Ramon while the case is being decided. Mor, who formed the breakaway Blue and White Panther group, was sued in April by two investors who claimed Naot Mitzpe had reneged on the sale of two cottages in Ra'anana. (Ithm)

IDL leader till sending migration letters to Arabs

Defence League leader Shimon Rosenbohm was detained yesterday for questioning. Police claim he is using his campaign to incite to leave the country, he went on trial last month for arising from the letters sent to Arab citizens. Rosenbohm said Kahane was sending them money if they migrate from Israel. The police said the letters were handed over to the State to decide if further charges were preferred against Kahane. Rosenbohm, a national-born rabbi, was due to hunger strike today to protest against not being allowed to leave the country. (Ithm)

Brutal murder caps 25-year blood feud

N. — A savage murder, ap- in revenge for an incident Jack 25 years, was carried out yesterday before a large crowd in the village of Dahariya. Aziz Muhammad Mahmud, 48, of Dahariya near was attacked by three men with axes and a sword as he in the courtyard of the Eye-witness reports say he was beaten on the head right hand was cut off. used tracker dogs and bore manned roadblocks around the village of Dahariya. night, however, no arrests made, even though the one assailant is said to be to the police.

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DEAN CHARGES NIXON KNEW ABOUT COVERUP

NEW YORK — John W. Dean, President Nixon's former counsel, has said he can supply first-hand testimony to show that the President knew about the Watergate coverup, "The New York Times" and the "Washington Post" reported yesterday.

Quoting sources close to Dean, the "Times" said Dean told the Senate Watergate committee he met with Mr. Nixon, alone or in small groups, more than 40 times between late January and late April of this year. But the "Times" said Dean did not testify about specific details of his conversations with the President "because of unresolved questions about national security, executive privilege and the possibility of violation of attorney-client privilege."

The 40 times Dean met with Mr. Nixon in three months this year, the newspaper said, contrasted to 10 meetings between the President and his counsel in the preceding two years.

The "Times" said the White House would not discuss the frequency of Dean's meetings with Mr. Nixon this year. The newspaper reported deputy press secretary Gerald Warren said: "We have already issued a statement (on May 22) that the President was not involved in the Watergate incident or in any cover-up activities related to it. We stand on his statement."

BOUGHT IMMUNITY
Dean and his attorneys have been seeking a grant of immunity from federal prosecutors who have been investigating the cover-up of the Watergate break-in. The "Times" said a government source reported the prosecutors "have no doubt he (Dean) met with the President, but their question is: What did they meet about?"

"The Washington Post" went further in its story, reporting that Dean has told Senate investigators and Federal prosecutors that he discussed aspects of the Watergate cover-up with Nixon or in Mr. Nixon's presence on at least 35 occasions between January and April of this year.

It also quoted "reliable sources" as saying Dean said Nixon asked him how much the Watergate defendants would have to be paid to ensure their continued silence, in addition to the \$460,000 that has already been paid. Dean maintained he told the President the additional cost would be about \$1m, the "Post" said. He claimed the President replied there would be no problem in paying that amount.

Dean told investigators that when the President telephoned him from the Florida White House at Key Biscayne on March 26 he said he had been "kidding" when he asked how much it would cost to buy the defendants' silence, the "Post" said. In the widely published phone call the President has been quoted as saying he was behind Dean and telling him, "You're still my counsel."

WILL TESTIFY
The "Post" said that Dean will testify regardless of whether he is granted full immunity from prosecution, and will assert that Nixon had prior knowledge of payments used to buy the silence of Watergate conspirators, and of offers of executive clemency.

However, the newspaper quoted its sources as saying that Dean has little or no documentary evidence on his charges and most are based on his own recollections of purported conversations with the President.

According to the "Post" story, Dean will claim that former President Richard M. Nixon and John D. Ehrlichman were also present at many of the meetings at which the cover-up was allegedly discussed.

The President and both Haldeman and Ehrlichman have denied any involvement in the bugging of Democratic National Headquarters at the Watergate or in any subsequent cover-up.

Dean was fired April 30 as presidential counsel.

The White House quickly issued a denial of the stories, charging that



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they "appear to be part of a careful, coordinated strategy by an individual or individuals determined to prosecute the case against the President in the press using innuendo, distortion of fact and outright falsehood."

In a new outgrowth of the Watergate scandal, Democratic National Chairman Robert S. Strauss has asked Senate investigators and federal prosecutors to look into a mysterious ransacking of his Dallas home last July, an aide confirmed here Saturday night.

The heretofore undisclosed break-in occurred the weekend before last July's Democratic National Convention, but police found no fingerprints and nothing missing, the aide said.

Strauss thought nothing of the entry at the time, but upon hearing of the break-in at the office of Daniel Ellsberg's psychiatrist, he was persuaded by his children to bring the break-in of last July to the attention of those investigating the Watergate case and related political espionage.

A police report about the break-in said that the master bedroom of Strauss' house was broken into on the weekend of July 7-8, that no fingerprints were found and indications an investigation produced nothing.

Carter said the house was "severely ransacked," drawers were broken open and clothing and other things were strewn about, but that furniture, jewelry and other valuables were left intact.

(UPI, AP, Reuter)

Rains break long Mauretania drought

NOUAKCHOTT, Mauretania (AP). — Heavy rains fell on the fringes of Mauretania's Sahara yesterday, breaking one of the most disastrous droughts in memory.

Mauretania was one of the worst affected of the African countries hit by a drought causing numerous deaths and "widespread" starvation across the entire width of the continent south of the Sahara.

There was no indication whether the drought had broken in the other affected countries, including Senegal, Mali, the Niger Republic, Chad, the Sudan and Upper Volta.

In northeast Mauretania, the sudden rains filled some rivers that had been dry for five years, and damaged some dikes and flooded desert airstrips.

Russians 'had Pentagon Papers'

WASHINGTON (Reuter). — While the Nixon administration was trying to halt publication of the Pentagon Papers, copies of the documents were already in the possession of the Soviet Embassy in Washington, the "Washington Post" reported yesterday.

It said the Pentagon Papers were delivered to the Embassy on June 16, 1971, by a man who included with them a letter giving his reasons for passing them over to the Soviet Government.

The "Post" quoted administration sources for its report and said the U.S. Government already knew that the Embassy had the documents before arguments began in the Supreme Court over whether the "New York Times," the "Washington Post" and other newspapers were entitled to continue publication of them.

The "Post" said the man who gave the documents — believed by officials to be a complete set — to the Soviet Embassy had been sought for almost two years, but he has not been identified.

The "Post" said its sources stressed that the Federal Bureau of Investigation had no evidence directly or indirectly linking the copy of the documents obtained by the Russians with any of the newspapers or with Dr. Daniel Ellsberg who leaked them to the press.

Charges against Dr. Ellsberg in connection with the leak were dismissed by a federal court in Los Angeles last month.

Zionism blamed for Watergate, Lambton affairs

BEIRUT (UPI). — King Faisal of Saudi Arabia has blamed the Watergate and Lambton scandals in American and British on Zionism, the newspaper Al Anwar said today.

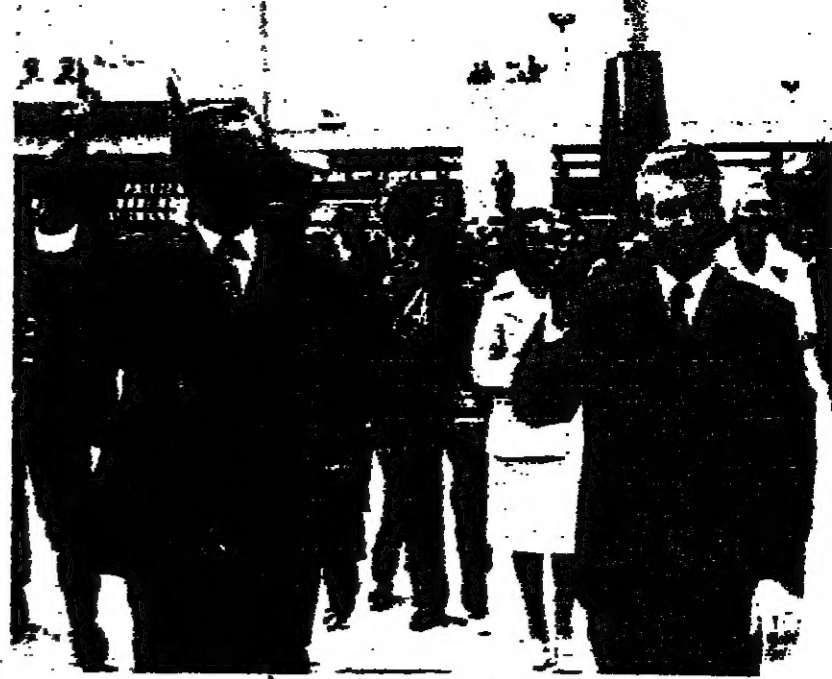
Al Anwar said Faisal, who is currently in Switzerland, made his views known at a meeting with Arab ambassadors in Geneva last Tuesday.

The newspaper quoted Faisal as saying: "Arabs should work hard to win America to their side, because a partial change has appeared in America's policy and it is in the Arabs' favour."

"This is why Zionism attacks President Nixon by means of the Watergate scandal," Faisal was quoted as saying.

"Zionism is also behind the so-called scandals in Britain which were dug up because the British Government is contributing effectively to the search for a solution of the Middle East crisis by means of proposals that disagree with Israel's wishes," Faisal was quoted as saying.

SAUDI ARABIAN. — King Faisal will visit Morocco, Italy and Algeria this month, Saudi radio reported. It said the king would arrive in Rabat on June 5 for a two-day private visit to Morocco, and would begin his visit to Italy on June 8. He will go to Algeria on June 10 for a private visit, the radio said.



The Shah of Iran, left, and Rumanian President Nicolae Ceausescu, wave to crowds at Bucharest airport yesterday, on the monarch's arrival in Rumania from Yugoslavia. Behind them are Mrs. Ceausescu, centre, and the Empress Farah, right.

Shah urges Israeli withdrawal

BELGRADE (Reuter). — The Shah of Iran said today that a conflict in the Middle East would be inevitable if Israel did not withdraw its troops from occupied Arab territory, as urged by United Nations resolutions.

The Shah was speaking at a press conference on President Tito's island retreat of Brijuni before leaving with Empress Farah for Rumania, second stage in a 10-nation goodwill tour.

The Emperor and President Tito

met on Brijuni yesterday to discuss the Middle East, Indochina, relations between rich and poor nations, European security and a non-aligned countries' summit in Algiers next autumn.

A communiqué after the visit said the two leaders held identical or very similar views on international topics under review and described their talks as taking place in a cordial atmosphere and the spirit of friendship existing between the two countries.

Skylab astronaut sets space travel record

HOUSTON, Texas (UPI). — Skylab commander Charles "Pete" Conrad became the world champion space traveller yesterday. He and his two Skylab companions faced the possibility of either a space walk repair mission or a ten-day extension to their stay in earth orbit.

Conrad, who was also celebrating his 43rd birthday in orbit, passed the previous record of 715 hours, five minutes total time in space at 7:17 a.m. Israel time yesterday. The old record was set in 1970 by Astronaut James Lovell.

When he took over the record, Conrad, Joseph Kerwin and Paul Weitz had been on their Skylab mission 208 hours, 17 minutes. Conrad had previously completed 262 hours, 13 minutes in space aboard Gemini spacecraft and 244 hours, 36 minutes on the moon landing Apollo 12 mission.

Skylab's original plans called for Conrad's crew to remain aboard 28 days, setting a single-flight endurance record that could stand

Hassidim beat up 15 N.Y. policemen

BROOKLYN, New York (INA). — Fifteen policemen were injured, with one beaten unconscious, in the Crown Heights section of Brooklyn on Saturday during a melee between police and Hassidic Jews stemming from an assault on two cars which drove through the neighbourhood on Shabbat.

Three Hassidic men were charged in the incident, and three of the policemen were hospitalized. The incident flared at about 1 p.m., when two cars, driven by a Negro physician who lives in the neighbourhood and one of his patients, moved down a street which houses a synagogue. The street is blocked to outside traffic on Saturday, but is open to residents of the area. Three Hassidim were held but were released and will appear in court today. One was in possession of a blackjack.

'Israel unfair to homosexuals'

AMSTERDAM (INA). — The Netherlands Homosexual Association, commonly known under the initials COC, has launched an international campaign to "abolish discrimination against homosexuals in Israel."

The founder of COC, Benno Frenkel, who is Jewish, told reporters the campaign is "not anti-Israeli, but an effort to make Israel a home for all Jews, including homosexuals." He said homosexuals in Israel live in "complete isolation," and that homosexuals who wanted to immigrate to Israel do not do so because of social ostracism.

Marking Israel's 25th anniversary last month, the association issued a pamphlet, calling on Israel to abolish all laws making homosexual contacts illegal. The pamphlet was printed in Hebrew and English for distribution in Israel.

(Despite the existence of the law, adult homosexuals are not prosecuted.)

New talks on shaky Viet truce

PARIS (AP). — Deputy Assistant Secretary of State William S. Opened new talks on an interim settlement yesterday with Vietnamese Deputy Foreign Minister Nguyen Co Thach. The talks in preparation for a new set of negotiations between U.S. military adviser Henry Kissinger and Hanoi's Le Duc Tho, due on Wednesday.

The new series of talks tended to find ways to improve the shaky cease-fire agreement on January 27.

VIETCONG DIPLOMA
In Hanoi, the Vietnam Agency announced that 32 or have established diplomatic relations with the Vietcong's Provisional Revolutionary Government, South Vietnam, Hanoi's News Agency — VNA — yesterday.

In addition, the Government entering friendly relations with organizations, political parties and is a full member of the Ministerial Conference of Non-Aligned Countries.

On the battlefield in Vietnam, Communist-led troops attack South Vietnamese infantry along the outer defensive perimeter of Kontum City just before yesterday but were driven in an hour-long battle and suffered many killed, the Saigon City claimed.

The action was the 161st 101 alleged violations of the Paris reported during the time period ending at noon yesterday.

Japanese women to climb Everest

KATMANDU (AP). — A women expedition from Japan booked the world's tallest peak, 29,028-foot-high Everest, in spring of 1971, the Nepal Ministry announced here yesterday.

Everest has been climbed so far only by men. The highest any woman climbed was 8,000 metres of Tokyo's Setoko Watanabe of Tokyo to the "Geneva spur" as a of the successful Japanese to Everest in 1970. She 850 metres short of the top.

A Japanese Women's group hopes to make history by the 8,156-metre Manaslu northwest Nepal during 1971.

Search for shi victims abandon

NEW YORK (Reuter). — and rescue operations were abandoned yesterday for at least people still missing after collision of two ships at the of New York harbour.

Seven other seamen died collision two days ago. The people are now presumed. The lone confirmed fatality the container ship Sea W the captain John Paterson, reported to have died of attack during the evacuation missing men from the ship. Brussels included its captain Dirk.

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Gaddafi: Jews may be exterminated

Israel is in great danger, say its people may all be killed, Libyan Premier Gaddafi said in an interview in Paris this week.

EC changes on Libyan disaster

(UFA). — The BBC, which last month that it was about the circumstances of a Libyan jet over the sea, yesterday changed

at the International Civil Organization has exonerated in the disaster, the BBC yesterday that Israel had "in a fairly immaculate and 'in accordance with international rules'". It added that it still had reservations, such as the short BOAC experts had been in the circumstances of the crash, a BBC aviation expert, Godson, claimed that a plane had been in the air for only two minutes before being shot down. Israel's plane had been over the sea, and this was the black box found near the site.

Lebanese release terrorist PoWs

(AP). — Lebanese President Elias Suleiman has ordered the release of the Palestinian terrorists captured fighting with the army last month, it was reported.

After step toward easing relations between the army and the terrorists, 14 prisoners released on Saturday night and 42 were to be released this week, the newspaper "al-Naba" reported.

of those held were believed to have been released by Lebanese forces after the fighting which began May 2 and stopped on May 3.

wait allots Syria against Israel

(Reuters). — The Kuwaiti newspaper announced yesterday would ask the National Assembly to approve a grant of 10m. (about \$13.7m.) to Syria, to help its struggle against Israel.

would be the second such grant to Syria, although it is not one of the aid-recipients designated at a Khartoum summit meeting in 1967. The government's decision allows talks last week between Syria's Foreign Minister and the Syrian President, Hafes al-Assad, was held after a cabinet meeting.

year profoundly that one day it may all end badly, very badly, perhaps even by the extermination of the Jewish people.

"It is enough to see the terror in which the Jewish people in Palestine live. There are the wars, there is the permanent threat of attack on their towns, of missiles launched across their frontiers, of civil airplanes which explode. Even the simple Israeli tourist is frightened to make a foreign journey."

Gaddafi said Zionism had brought about this state of affairs. "It is certain that one day the Arabs will be most powerful and the Israelis will be isolated by the sea of humanity that surrounds them. That is independent of our will, it is the law of evolution."

"It is that which makes me think that the future is black for the Jewish people. I do not hate the Jews and neither do the Arabs. We Arabs and Jews are all Semites. The Jews are our brothers."

Asked if he would offer peace to Israel, Gaddafi said the late Egyptian President Gamal Abdel Nasser sought peace with justice but nothing came of it. "Why should it be different today?"

In Libya, the state radio resumed normal programming before midnight on Saturday after a brief commotion caused by a mysterious call by Gaddafi for the people to "take control of your radio."

Stirred by his rhetoric, a mob marched on the radio and television buildings which are cordoned off by security forces. The security force bowed to the cheering crowd who occupied the buildings and formed a committee to run it, Tripoli Radio said.

The Libyan radio will henceforth be called "radio of the popular revolution." Judging by the general tones of the radio broadcasts shortly before midnight, there were no indications of any anti-Gaddafi uprising, as some circles in Beirut reported erroneously.

Beirut parley to save the Mediterranean

BEIRUT (UPI). — Scientists and officials from 150 cities bordering the Mediterranean Sea will meet today to debate and draw up a charter for protecting the sea from pollution. The aim of the three-day World Intercommunal Conference for Protection of the Mediterranean from Pollution will be to halt and reverse a trend that is gradually turning it into another Dead Sea, according to the organizers.

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Deposed King Constantine of Greece, flanked by his wife, Queen Anne Marie, shown addressing newsmen in Rome on Saturday night at his villa in reaction to his dethronement. (AP radiophoto)

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Greece cuts off King's stipend, paper says

ATHEENS. — Deposed King Constantine's \$580,000 annual stipend has been cut off from June 1, and a decision is expected soon on whether his estates in Greece will be confiscated, a pro-government Athens newspaper reported yesterday.

The newspaper, "Acropolis," said the King's annual allowance from the state was ordered stopped the day Greece was declared a republic. The royal family's property which includes 10,000 acres of valuable land near Athens, a suburban villa, a country home and Mon Repos, a palatial summer residence on Corfu, in the Ionian Sea, is estimated at over \$75m.

It is widely believed here that the royal family will have little difficulty making ends meet if their properties in Greece are taken away because of lucrative business interests in Europe and the U.S.

Greek industrialists and several ship owners who were among the closed royal court circle prior to the April 1967 army coup were reliably reported at the time to have invested part of the royal family's fortune under their family name of Glucksburg.

The family's interests are said to include commercial ventures in West Germany, real estate in the U.S. and shipping interests. There is also believed to be a sizeable amount of cash in Swiss banks, passed down through the years from other members of the family who had lived in European exile.

Observers expressed the belief that the king would lose his estates and possessions in Greece because of his violent attack on the army-backed regime.

The 33-year-old King, who has lived in self-imposed exile in Rome since the failure of his coup against the regime five-and-a-half years ago, on Saturday night declared his deposition was an illegal act by an illegal government.

Greek officials had no comment here today on the King's statement, in which he said he would "fight as a soldier" if necessary to restore democracy to Greece.

Any reply would have to come from the Provisional President of the Republic, George Papadopoulos, they added. But they thought it most unlikely. "We are not going to open a dialogue with a deposed king," one official said.

(AP, Reuters)

Peron ends exile on June 21

MADRID (Reuters). — Argentina's former Soldier-President Juan Peron will end 17 years of exile and return to Buenos Aires on June 21, it was announced here yesterday.

News of the decision was given at an airport press conference here by Argentina's Social Welfare Minister, Jose Lopez Rega, for many years Peron's private secretary in Madrid.

The 77-year-old ex-leader's return had been expected for some time this month, but no date had previously been made public. Mr. Lopez Rega, who had flown here from Buenos Aires to make final arrangements for the homecoming, sat beside Mr. Peron at the airport.

Asked how he felt about going home, Mr. Peron smiled broadly and said: "I feel threatened, of course."

Mr. Peron, who ruled Argentina for nine years before being ousted by a military revolt in September 1955, said his first task would be to concern himself with the affairs of his Peronist Movement. He described this as "a protocol task of adjustment," but did not elaborate.

His hand-picked presidential candidate, Dr. Hector Campora, was sworn in as President of Argentina on May 25 after the Peronist-led Liberation Front's triumph in elections. The voting ended nearly seven years of military rule.

Mr. Peron will fly from Madrid on June 20 and arrive in Buenos Aires the following day — Argentina's "Flag Day" — the Catholic holiday of Corpus Christi. He will be accompanied by leading Peronists, including President Campora who will arrive here three or four days earlier for an official visit to Spain, Mr. Lopez Rega told reporters.

Viet Navy picks up ton of opium floating in sea

SAIGON (Reuters). — A South Vietnamese Navy patrol boat has picked up nearly one ton of opium floating in sealed containers in the Gulf of Siam.

It was the second major drug haul off the South Vietnamese coast in just over a month.

A Government spokesman said the drug haul, which contained 930 kilos of opium, had been brought to Saigon, and its origin was being investigated.

The opium joined more than six tons of raw opium and morphine base — now heavily guarded in a Saigon police warehouse — which was seized off the South Vietnamese coast on April 20. The earlier haul was taken from a Thai-registered trawler on its way to Hong Kong. It was possibly the world's biggest haul of illegal narcotics.

According to unofficial estimates here, it would be worth about \$5m. at wholesale prices in New York, and possibly 10 times as much re-tailed on the streets to users.

Pompidou's health big political issue

PARIS (Reuters). — President Georges Pompidou's health was spotlighted yesterday as perhaps the major French domestic political question after months of rumours that he is suffering from a mysterious and persistent ailment. This has already sharpened speculation about who could succeed Mr. Pompidou.

The magazine "L'Express" said yesterday that the 63-year-old President had undergone a series of medical checks in a Paris hospital a few days ago, before flying to Iceland for his summit talks with President Nixon.

"L'Express" said Mr. Pompidou's unnamed illness was being treated by cobalt rays and cortisone.

There have been similar reports from unofficial sources in recent weeks, but presidential spokesmen have not announced anything more serious than influenza.

Mr. Pompidou has visibly put on weight recently and has been reported to have had some difficulty in walking.

The magazine "Le Point" said yesterday, "The fact is that the only real political question now being posed in Paris is that of M. Pompidou's health."

"L'Express" called for an official medical bulletin on the President's health to clear up the matter while leading political commentator Pierre Viansson-Ponté wrote in "Le Monde" that there was now "an entirely new

and already important factor to French political life."

In particular, the health question has raised new uncertainty about whether Mr. Pompidou will run for re-election in 1976.

First official Soviet-Vatican exchange

MOSCOW (Reuters). — Vatican officials arrived in Moscow yesterday on a visit to the Russian Orthodox Church during which they are expected to review the Ecumenical Programme and the position of Catholics in the USSR.

It was the first Soviet-Vatican official exchange since the Russian Revolution of 1917.

The group, headed by Monsignor Angelo Ferrante, will meet Patriarch Pimen, head of the Orthodox Church, and visit the Church's headquarters at Zagorsk Monastery, near Moscow.

Yesterday morning, the visiting Vatican churchmen celebrated mass at Moscow's Catholic Cathedral of St. Louis.

Their visit is one of several by Vatican envoys which began in March 1971 with the arrival here of Archbishop Agostino Casaroli. He is a Vatican envoy specializing in foreign contacts throughout Communist East Europe.

At that time, Archbishop Casaroli discussed the situation of the USSR's 3,500,000 Catholic who are mostly situated in the Baltic Republics, Byelorussia and the Ukraine.

Gunmen kill two in Belfast

BELFAST (UPI). — Two masked gunmen burst into a home in Belfast's Old Park district yesterday and machine-gunned a visiting Protestant man and woman to death. They also wounded the Protestant hostess in the arms and legs.

The killings raised the death toll in almost four years of strife among Northern Ireland's majority Protestants, minority Roman Catholics and British forces to 811.

"As far as we can see this is another in the long line of motiveless murders," a police spokesman said.

"Motiveless murders" is the police term for Protestant-Catholic vengeance killings. Police statistics list 123 in 1972 and 42 this year, counting yesterday's double slaying.

Dr. Campora is due to be received by General Franco and other leading Spanish officials.

Mr. Peron has returned to Buenos Aires only once since he fled to exile in Paraguay and later in Spain. That was last November when he stayed less than four weeks. He attempted a homecoming in 1964, but his aircraft was turned back in Brazil.

He told reporters today that after his return, he would feel free to undertake a wide-ranging tour of Latin America that would probably include visits to all countries of South America. Some time later, he said, he might visit Peking and other Asian capitals. His third wife, Isabel, recently went to China with Mr. Lopez Rega to arrange details for her husband's visit, but no date was set.

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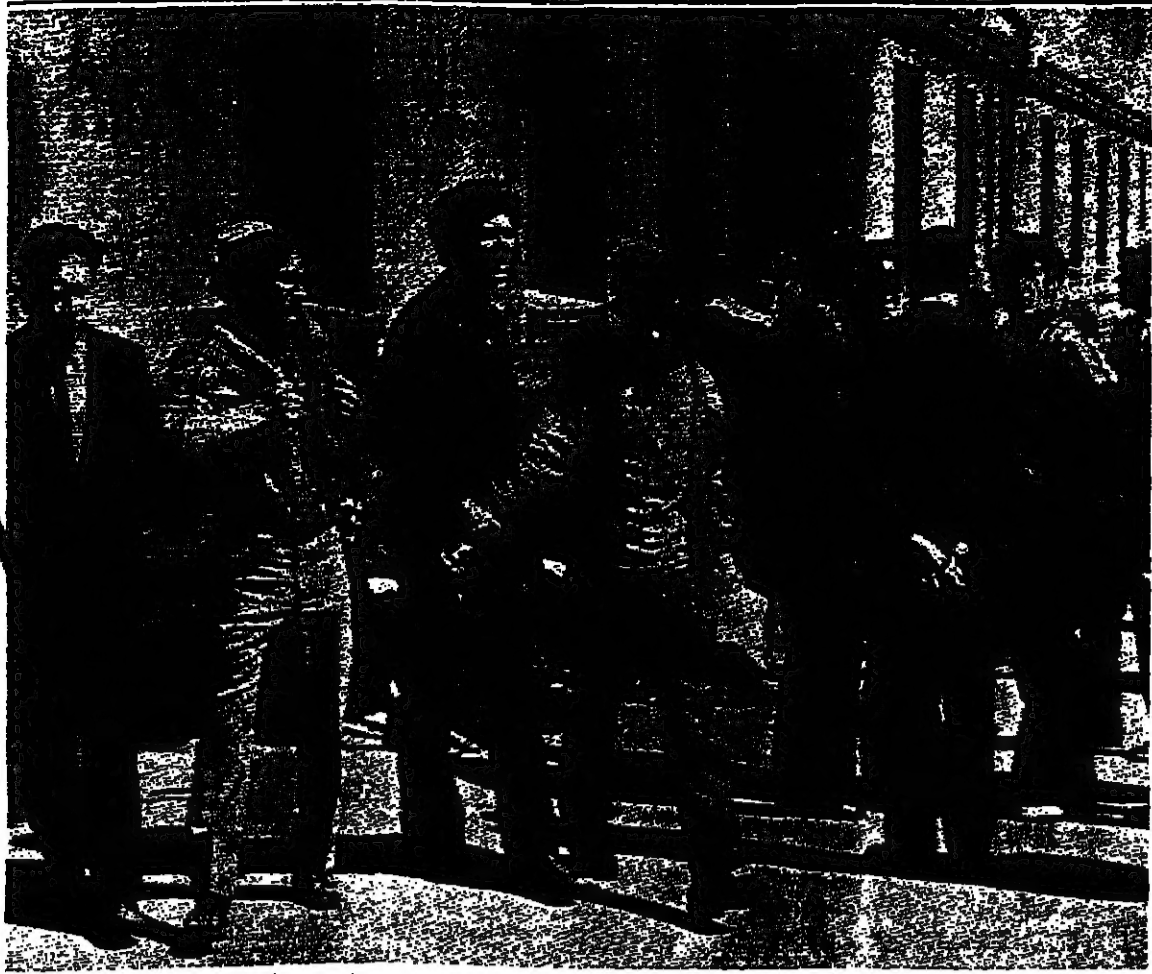
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mission to emigrate to Israel. Soviet authorities refused to transmit this Associated Press photograph taken in Moscow on May 29. It was handled by other means and transmitted on Saturday. On May 4 Soviet officials refused to transmit another AP photo of a Jewish demonstration.

Ritardandissimo

Israel Broadcasting Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Yehoshua Shalem, presented a concert in the Tel Aviv Music Center, May 29. The program was a mix of classical and contemporary music, featuring a variety of instruments and vocalists. The concert was a success, with the audience enjoying the diverse repertoire. The orchestra's performance was praised for its precision and passion.



New dimensions

New Dimensions in Music, third concert, produced and conducted by Yehoshua Shalem, presented a program of contemporary music. The concert featured a variety of instruments and vocalists, including a string quartet and a vocal ensemble. The program was a mix of classical and contemporary music, with a focus on new and experimental sounds. The concert was a success, with the audience enjoying the diverse repertoire.

'A tree for Franco'

Unofficial envoy presses Jerusalem-Madrid relations

By ANA FLASCHNER

DURING the last week, when everybody seemed busy with the millennium and businessmen at the Economic Conference, a witty, young-looking and distinguished Spaniard was here to promote the establishment of formal relations between Jerusalem and Madrid. Dr. Miguel Juste-Iribarren, a lawyer, economist, writer and journalist, told me in an interview on the conclusion of his mission that relations between Israel and Spain already existed but not in the proper form.

"Israel has been hostile to Spain at the United Nations for many years, perhaps rightly. On the other hand, important Spanish interests as well as the proximity of the Arab countries tended to perpetuate a situation which no longer corresponds to the realities of today."

"At my meeting with Mrs. Golda Meir, we talked about this and I hope that when some existing difficulties have been overcome, we may soon have formal diplomatic channels between our two countries. And I believe she agrees with me."

He strongly believes in the possibility of peaceful coexistence between Arabs and Israelis: "Spain witnessed the establishment of such coexistence at a time when the rest of Europe was intolerant. And from this living together there developed the so-called Golden Age in Spain, with figures such as Mohammed and Avicenna. The expulsion of the Jews from Spain in 1492 was due to political reasons which at that time brought about the creation of the mosaic that formed Spain, and religion became the mechanism by means of which both Jews and Arabs were expelled. But to my mind both have remained in the tradition and the very essence of the Spanish people."

He is interested in the people he meets, each one of whom, he says, is full of surprises.

"I was deeply impressed by Dayan, although the meeting was short. The Prime Minister is intuitive, clairvoyant. He reminds me of the biblical figures of Gideon and Joshua. Ben-Gurion is still in good shape. His forehead is captivating. He seems like a prophet, a patriarch with the impress of 5,000 years of history."

"Silk in her heart"

"What struck me most about Golda Meir is what she hides: her heart. When I talked to Ophira Navon and said that Indira Gandhi had been described by an American journalist as the iron woman dressed in a silk sari, she said, rightly, that Golda kept the silk in her heart." He feels certain that Israel has reached its great achievements only because it had people like Golda, Dayan and Ben-Gurion. I deeply appreciate Mrs. Meir's words regarding my country and the realism with which she wishes for better relations with Spain.

Figures demonstrate how these relations have developed in the past few years. There has been trade in both directions since 1965. Most in scope at the beginning, it rose to between \$10m-\$12m. In 1972, Israel firms such as Macintosh export machinery, and Spanish companies and other goods can be seen all over this country. Tourism has also developed in both directions, and politics in the European Common Market has put Israel's and Spain's interests side by side. Cooperation in the fields of agriculture, electronics and the exact sciences could be very productive, he believes.

During the Conference meetings it was decided that a Spanish-Portuguese Israel Chamber of Commerce should be formed and that each country should take necessary steps to promote the creation of a Chamber of Commerce.

Dr. Juste said he was grateful to Yitzhak Navon, M.E., for his help. In his opinion it was difficult to say whether he admired more his humanistic formation or his big heart, because he is the living presence of golden "Starad" in this Holy Land.

Dr. Juste has a very personal view of society. He said that for him New York symbolized the archetype of the consumer society, but also the principle of liberty without order, as people cannot venture out into the streets at night. Moscow, prototype of another civilization, has failed, because "it has

passed over history in its anxiety to reach the future." "They have created order without liberty," he believes that Israel could create a synthesis of order and liberty and in that lies its attractiveness, because it believes in democracy but maintains the principle of authority. As a father of 11 children, he is pessimistic regarding the Israeli family. "Israeli women are beautiful and very stylish, but I seriously doubt whether they can create and support a home in the true meaning of the word. Motherly women like those of Golda's generation seem to have faded away."

Dr. Miguel Juste believes in trade as well as culture as the vehicles of cooperation. The Prime Minister spoke of the fact that cooperation did not have to be confined to agriculture. "Personally I believe," said Dr. Juste, full of optimism, "that relations could develop in the joint venture for the development of the Latin American countries and the third world. Spain looks upon herself as the link between Latin America and Africa. At the other end of the Mediterranean, Israel is a creative source. The Mediterranean could once again become the cradle of a new civilization."

Dr. Juste's idea is to create a special investment organization, which would recruit spare private capital and invest it in the developing countries. This body would be self-supporting, even profitable, and independent of political pressures, but would also assist the economic and social development of Spain, Israel and the Latin American countries.

Censorship and power

Dr. Juste sees his country's future in technical and scientific achievement, while he fears the dehumanization by technocrats owing to their lack of humanistic education.

The conversation turned then to general and political censorship, in particular in Spain. Dr. Juste is of the opinion that political opposition is not only inevitable but necessary to maintain national equilibrium. Senior officials should bear full responsibility for their actions. Up to now, all responsibility in Spain has fallen on General Franco's shoulders, who has ruled Spain beyond the reach of critics. At present the state had control over the press, but he believed in the need for a new and authentically free press in Spain. Censorship did not exist under Spanish law.

To questions concerning the succession to General Franco he commented that the Spanish people had suffered greatly from the effects of the Civil War, and that nobody wanted such an experience again. "I am sure that Franco will hand over peacefully to his successor. However, the younger generation does not support the idea of the monarchy as a system of government. At the moment the restoration of the monarchy is assured, but not its permanence: it will succeed only if the monarch serves the people. Franco's success, he says, derives from the fact that the Caudillo created a middle class, traditionally the section of the population that presses for better government. Peace was also a subject of our



MIGUEL JUSTE-IRIBARREN

conversation. He mentioned his friend the journalist Tico Madine who writes in "ABC" of Madrid, and accompanied him during the interviews, and said that when they met Mrs. Meir, Tico asked her what was the meaning of the many keys hanging on one of her office walls. Mrs. Meir answered that they represented the cities of which she has become a freeman.

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TENNIS TOURNAMENT TOMORROW

By JACK LEON
Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The 1973 Israel National Tennis Championships open at Herta's Carmel Country Club tomorrow and continue until Saturday. The meet will double as the 51st annual Shavuot tennis tournament of the Carmel Club.

Attention will centre on the men's singles, in which Tel Aviv's Yehoshua Shalem will be going for his sixth straight title. His supremacy is likely to be strongly challenged by the young Davis Cup pair, Ronny Lerner and Yair Wertheimer, and by local No. 2 Yosef Stabholz. Other challenges could come from leading juniors Reuven Porjes and Danny Kaloveky.

Another candidate for the top honours is a newcomer from the Soviet Union, Felix Kaplan, former tennis champion of Lithuania, who just missed selection for Israel's Davis Cup team against the Netherlands last month after distinguishing himself in the Passover International.

Tova Epstein, now playing much less competitive tennis, will not be defending the women's singles crown which she has held for an astonishing 12 years. Also missing from the women's singles will be the host club's highly-rated Pazina Felschov, who is now playing the English Circuit before trying to qualify for the Wimbledon Championships in a fortnight's time. In their absence, favourites for the title are Janine Schmiedmann, a recent immigrant from South Africa, Mara Cohen-Mintz and Tamar Senhonours is a newcomer from the

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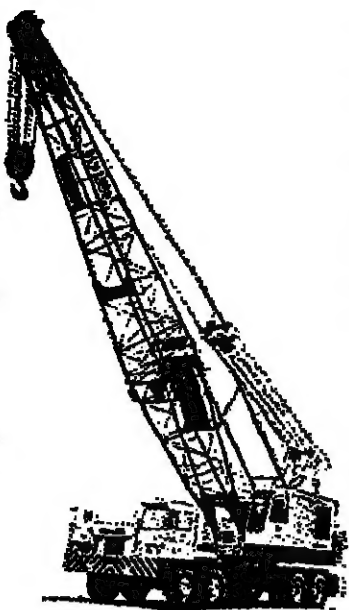
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by DAVID LENNON
Special Post Correspondent

N. — Lella Khaled, hijacker, Palestinian terrorist, is now also author. Her life and adventures, recounted through one little girl, in a book, "My People Live," which is published by...

...and Stoughton, the publisher of "The Sunday Telegraph," have both been attacked in the columns of the papers. They were accused of glorifying terrorism and of being involved in the hijacking of the TWA plane in August 1969, appears to have gone off with consummate ease. Despite the fact that her revolver slid down her trouser leg at a crucial moment in the take-over, the absence of opposition made it all very easy.

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A double team
Guessing that it wouldn't be an easy task, the PFLP sent four people instead of two for this mission. However, two of the team were refused carriage by a suspicious EL AL ground staff. Lella Khaled escaped detection because she had undergone three plastic surgery operations to alter her appearance which had become well known following the TWA hijack.

When the time came for action, Khaled and her accomplice, Patrick Arguello, simply charged forward waving guns and handgrenades. They appear to have been taken aback when they encountered a se-

which "largely reflect the oversimplified views of the extreme left wing Palestinian parties." Amid all polemics it is possible to fish out the tale of a girl whose family quit Haifa in 1948. There is little joy for Israelis in her recounting of the years she spent subsisting on Unrwa charity.

Neither, I might add, is there any joy in it for the Arab leadership. Indeed, she spends almost as much time denouncing the "right wing" leadership of Fatah and the corrupt and cowardly leadership of the Arab countries, as she does in expressing her hatred for Zionism.

Her recounting of the two hijacking escapades add little to what is already known. The first one, of a TWA plane in August 1969, appears to have gone off with consummate ease. Despite the fact that her revolver slid down her trouser leg at a crucial moment in the take-over, the absence of opposition made it all very easy.

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No discipline
The disappointing aspect of the book is the complete lack of discipline on the part of the author. Described as an autobiography, at the same time it is said to have been edited by Waterloo University, Canada and a member of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine.

stably he fails utterly to curb his penchant for long harangues about the causes of the Arab war. He lets her go on about what Sir John Glubb describes in his foreword as "her political opinions."

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cond, locked and bolted security door barring their way into the cockpit. The quick action of the captain in putting the plane into a dive also caught them unprepared, and within moments the attack was at an end. Miss Khaled complains that she was manhandled — as if she expected to be treated as equal to a man when things were going her way, but as a woman when adverse conditions arose.

She alleges that her companion, who was wounded in the scuffle, was killed by an Israeli security guard who fired four shots into his back while his hands were tied behind his back.

The event ends on a note of farce when, after landing at Heathrow Airport in London, the EL AL crew and the British police conduct a big act of war with their trussed body as they both claim possession of her. The British win and within six weeks she is back home.

In November, 1970, the lady revolutionary married an Israeli PFLP squad commander called Bassim. Since then she has been kept out of harm's way doing "mass political work" organizing terrorist camps and recruiting supporters.

Her book evokes sympathy with the plight in which she found herself as a young girl. Regrettably, it holds out little hope for any rapprochement between the two peoples of Palestine.

SAY CHEESE

Recipes for Shavuot

by Molly Lyons Bar-David

DAIRY dishes are the thing for Shavuot. You can use any white or yellow cheeses you prefer. Recipes are of course, one of the best known for this holiday, even though they are favorites the year around. Here is a collection of recipes, savory and otherwise.

Savoury Onion Biscuits

8 large onions grated and 1 teaspoon of salt, 5 cups flour, 3 eggs, 5 teaspoons baking powder, 1/2 cup sesame seed, 1/2 cup grated yellow cheese (use more if you wish), water as needed (approximately 1 cup).

Mix all the ingredients together and roll out rather thin. Cut into rectangles and bake in a 350°F oven for about 25 minutes.

Cheese Blintzes

Pancake Batter:
2 eggs, 1/2 cup sifted flour, 1/4 cup milk or water, 1 tsp. melted butter, pinch of salt, margarine for greasing the pan.

The Filling:
8 little paper jars of white cheese (450 grams), 2 tbsps. sour cream, 1 egg yolk, 2 tbsps. sugar, dash of salt and 1/2 tsp. vanilla.

For the batter, mix the eggs and milk, then add the flour, salt and melted butter and beat until smooth. Lightly grease a small pan. Four some batter from the end of a spoon into the pan and tilt to ensure that the batter is thin and evenly spread over the bottom. Cook over medium heat until the batter is just set on top and light gold on the bottom. Turn out bottom side up, on a cloth. Mix all the filling ingredients and spread over the pancakes. Fold up, tucking in the sides. Brown the blintzes in margarine just before serving with sour cream, strawberries or honey.

Tomato-Cheese Pie

The Pastry:
1/2 cup margarine, 2 cups sifted flour, 1/2 cup grated yellow cheese, 1 egg yolk, 2 tbsps. ice water, pinch of salt, dash of cayenne.

The Filling:
4 large tomatoes thinly sliced, 2 large onions thinly sliced, 5 tbsps. margarine, 2 eggs, 1 1/2 cups milk, 1/4 cup grated yellow cheese, salt, cayenne and pepper to taste.

For the pastry, cut the margarine into the flour. Add the cheese and rub gently until crumbly. Mix the egg yolk with the ice water, salt and cayenne, then add gradually to the first mixture. Roll out the dough. Line a spring pan with this pastry and press the edges down with a fork. Cover the dough with tomato slices. Fry two-thirds of the onion in the margarine. Mix with the raw onion and sprinkle on the tomatoes. Mix the eggs, milk, 1/4 cup of the cheese, and the seasonings. Pour over the onions. Bake in a 375°F oven for 35 minutes. Sprinkle on the remaining cheese and bake for five minutes more. Serve warm.

Cod in Cream Sauce

1 cup milk (or if you wish you can add 1/2 cup of cream and milk), 1 sliced onion, 2 tbsps. margarine, 2 tbsps. flour, salt and pepper to taste, 1 kilo frozen or thawed cod fillets (or any other fish you prefer).

Heat the milk and add the onion. Melt the margarine, add the flour, and when it begins to bubble, add the hot milk (and some cream if you prefer), onion, salt and pepper. Stir until thick and smooth. Put in the cod fillets and simmer until the fish is done (about 15 minutes). Top, if you wish, with grated yellow cheese.

Leben Soup

4 medium cucumbers, 1 tsp. salt, 2 cloves (small) garlic, juice of 1/2 lemon, 2 tbsps. chopped dill, 4 cups leben, 1 tsp. chopped mint.

Draw a fork down the length of the fresh cucumbers so that when they are sliced (unpeeled) their skins are scalloped. Slice the cucumbers thin and sprinkle with salt. Crush the garlic and add the lemon juice, dill and leben. Add most of the cucumbers. Put into the blender if you wish to have an unusual texture: it should not be too smooth. Chill and serve with the chopped mint and remaining sliced cucumbers as garnish.



(Rabiner)

Papanush-Semolina Dumplings

2 cups milk, 1 cup semolina, 1/4 cup margarine, 1/2 tsp. salt, 4 eggs, 1 cup white cheese, sour cream, honey or any jam you prefer.

Heat the milk and slowly stir in the semolina, stirring constantly. Add the margarine and salt and cook until the mixture is thick. Cool to lukewarm. Beat the eggs well and sieve the cheese into them. Stir into the lukewarm mush. Shape into small dumplings and make a dent in each with your thumb. Roll in salted water (20 to 25 minutes). Serve hot with a pat of butter in each thumb-well, and in a sauce of sour cream and honey or jam, mixed.

Potatoes in Sour Cream

1/2 kilo potatoes, 1 large onion, 1 tsp. margarine, 1/2 cup sour cream, 1 tsp. dill, salt and pepper.

Partially cook the potatoes — small ones — about five minutes. Or if you wish you can slice the potatoes thickly. Brown the chopped onion in the margarine and add the potatoes with remaining ingredients. Cover the pot and cook over very low heat until the potatoes are done (about half an hour).

Stuffed Vegetable Marrows

12 small vegetable marrows, 2 tbsps. (or even more) grated yellow cheese, 2 cups white cheese, 4 eggs, salt and pepper, margarine, 1/2 cup sour cream.

Cook the unpeeled tender marrows in as little water as possible, and drain them while still firm. Slit the marrows lengthwise and remove the seed section. Mix the cheese and eggs with salt and pepper and fill the cavities. Put the scooped-out seed sections in a well greased casserole under the halved marrows. Pat the top of each with margarine. Bake in a hot oven until the filling has set. Top with sour cream and bake 5 minutes more. You can serve it hot or cold.

Caramelized Custard

1 1/2 cups sugar, 4 eggs, 1/4 tsp. salt, 4 cups hot milk, 1 tsp. vanilla.

Melt 1 cup of the sugar until brown and quickly pour into eight individual cups, tilting each round until evenly coated. Whisk the eggs slightly, add the remaining sugar and the salt, and mix well. Slowly add the hot milk, stirring constantly. Add vanilla. Pour the custard into the caramel-coated cups. Place the cups in a pan of hot water in a 350°F oven until the custards are done (about 30 minutes). Test with a knife: if it comes out clean, the custard is cooked. Do not overcook.

Mount Sinai Cakes

6 eggs, 1/2 cup sugar, 4 tbsps. melted margarine, 1/2 cup honey, dash of cinnamon, 2 cups flour sifted, walnut or pecan halves.

Beat the eggs briskly, then add the sugar and margarine. Mix well. Add the honey and cinnamon and continue beating. Add the flour to make a stiff dough. Shape into cones to look like a mountain. Top each with half a walnut, or a pecan. Put in a buttered pan and bake in a 350°F oven for 15 minutes.

Shavuot Cookies

225 grams sifted flour, 200 grams margarine, 225 grams white cheese, jam as needed.

Mix the flour, margarine and cheese and roll out on a floured board. Cut into small rounds. Coat half the rounds with jam. Cover each with another round. Bake 15 minutes in a 400°F oven.

NEW ON THE MARKET

A NEW protein body lotion has recently been launched by Fenjal — a pleasant smelling, fluid cream acting as a moisturiser for the body — for application after the bath or shower, and especially after sunbathing has dried the skin. The price is £16.50 for a 150 gram bottle.

THE Mary Quant line, produced here under license by Shimen Industries, has just been expanded to include an aerosol deodorant-anti-perspirant. Aptly named "Dry Up," it is marketed in a black and white pack at £13.25.

POP, Mop and Top are the names of three new cleaning products in the Shimen range. POP is intended for cleaning tiles, stainless steel and formica, a liquid product at £12.25 per bottle. Mop, another liquid solution at £12.50 per bottle, is for cleaning carpets and upholstery. Top is for glass and windows and costs £11.75 per bottle.

ANOTHER product for weight watchers has just been brought out by Shimen of Moshav Ein Vered, manufacturers of "Sugal" artificial sweetener. Called "Mishkol," the new line consists of one-glass packets of powders for calorie-free soft drinks. There are four flavours: orange, pineapple, lemon and raspberry, and a box of 20 packets sells for £1.5.

A NEW eating fashion — its sponsors hopefully suggest it may eventually replace the sunflower-seed habit — has been launched at the 25th Anniversary exhibition, where plastic cups full of Sun-Frost's sweet corn grains are selling well on all the Wimpy stands.

A SPECIAL service just announced by Emka enables the housewife to have her old Emka iron's soleplate recoated with a special non-stick Teflon surfacing. The surface, they claim, prevents fibres and starch deposits from accumulating on the base of the iron and staining clothes being ironed. The cost of re-coating is £1.15, while a brand new Emka Teflon coated iron is £14.4.

SUNSCREEN is a special self-adhesive transparent film, coloured pale grey, for placing on window frames to filter the sun's rays. Manufactured in the U.S. by the 3-M Company, it is being marketed here by the Southern Marketing Company. They claim that it cuts down the heat of the sun's rays by 75 per cent and reduces

glare by 82 per cent: if this is true, it makes it the cheapest form of temperature controller available, at £1.82 per square metre.

LODZIA'S new "9th Maccabiah" emblazoned cotton T-shirts have already achieved record sales: 25,000, mainly in children's sizes, have already been sold. In pure cotton, they are printed with the colorful emblem of the Games, said to be colourfast and even foldable. Price of the T-shirts is from £1.80 to £1.15-40, according to size.

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PHANTOMS FOR ARABIA

THERE are several mysteries in connection with the coming Security Council session on the Middle East, which President Sadat has been organizing for several months past. The most immediately important is, of course, whether Sadat will attempt to carry out some military action at the time of the session, or else when Soviet leader Brezhnev is on his visit to the U.S., in order to convince the powers that unless they take action to impose an Egyptian solution on Israel there will be another war.

This possibility has by no means been written off by Defense Minister Dayan, and there has been a steady build-up of troops in the vicinity of the Canal that Sadat might find difficult to send home again without either action or a political victory of some sort. The situation is in many ways similar to that of just six years ago — with the significant difference that Sadat is unable to close the straits of Tiran to Israel shipping, as his predecessor Nasser was able to do and thereby precipitate the fighting.

With a certain increase in realism, Egypt must have concluded that it is quite impossible for the Egyptian forces to drive Israel out of Sinai by force, but that even unsuccessful military actions could be valuable in reinforcing demands for pressure by others against Israel. He has support from the Maghreb. Bourguiba is offering direct talks, which is an altogether new departure, even if he wishes only to talk about the 1947 Partition proposal which the Arab states rejected at the time. Then there is Libya's President Gaddafi weeping crocodile tears over the possibility he foresees of all Israelis being "exterminated" by their Arab

neighbours at some future date, a word borrowed from the Nazi Dictionary and not likely to encourage mood of easy confidence in Arab peace proposals.

There is evidence that Sadat's concrete hopes are now concentrated on a suggestion that the U.S. will initiate indirect talks between Israel and Egypt, in which Egypt would like to be assured from the outset that it will obtain all its demands. It is a reasonable guess, at the same time, that even if these talks get off the ground, it will take more than one round of talks to settle the basic question of peace and secure and agreed borders between Israel and Egypt, with Jordan waiting in the wings, and Syria up to now not seeking so much as an armistice. Even if things were to go well, which is by no means certain, the negotiations would be lengthy.

All these prospects are built to quite a large part on the security provided by Israel's present military and strategic strength. This is now being endangered by the huge shipments of sophisticated arms that are being sent by the U.S. to Kuwait and Saudi Arabia, and at least part of which is likely to be passed on to Egypt. After emphasizing that Israel was receiving arms because only a balance of forces could pave the way to peace in this area, the U.S. itself has now set about upsetting this balance in the hope of strengthening the Gulf States. At the present time, there is not yet even any clarity as to how many Phantom planes or gun boats are to go to the two Persian Gulf states.

There was no certainty that a step forward to negotiations had really been taken, but it is sure that the half-step back is already with us.



ISRAEL has always had a "special relationship" with West Germany. At first, there were no diplomatic relations, nor any other contacts — beyond the discreet negotiations which led to the Luxembourg Reparations Agreement in 1952. Over the next 12 years, Germany scrupulously discharged its obligation in nearly \$1,000m. worth of goods and services. Still there were no formal ties, but this did not impede a quiet and useful flow of American arms from Germany to Israel. Nor did it prevent the famous Ben-Gurion-Adenauer meeting in New York in March, 1960, when the German Chancellor promised annual development loans to help build up the Negev. (The loans still continue — last year the sum loaned was DM140m.)

It is now eight years since Chancellor Erhard and Premier Eshkol established diplomatic relations between the two countries. The rift which these relations caused between Germany and the Arab world is being rapidly healed. Most of the Arab states which broke off relations with Germany in 1965 have resumed them. Even extremist Syria is reported to be waiting in line. Relations between Bonn and Cairo are flourishing. Only last month Foreign Minister Walter Scheel made a successful tour of Cairo, Amman and Beirut — and Chancellor Brandt himself is expected in Cairo in the autumn.

At the same time, thanks to the broad vision of his Nobel Prize-winning Ostpolitik, Chancellor Brandt is developing his country's ties with Moscow and the Soviet bloc. And in so doing he is rising above the old East-West demarcation. From being the impenetrable hostile bastion against the Communist world, West Germany has become a bridge, its foundations resting solidly in the free and democratic West, and its span extending into the Eastern bloc.

In these changed circumstances, the question which is inevitably being asked is: are the relations between Bonn and Jerusalem still "special"? Does the new Germany, its ties embracing East and West, Arabs and Israelis, and its leader a statesman of world rank and impeccably anti-Nazi past, still intend to base its relations with Israel on the guilt and emotions engendered by the Holocaust?

Memory of Auschwitz

Publicly, the Germans assert that relations are indeed still "special" and that there can be no "normalization" for many years to come. In a now famous address at the opening of "Brotherhood Week" in Cologne in March 1971, Chancellor Brandt said:

"... The name of Auschwitz will remain a trauma for generations. Dimensions are not permissible. The wounds which the soul of the people, the victims and the soul of the people of the culprits suffered during the dark 12 years will not heal so quickly. For it was the image of man which was violated, of man whom we conceive as the image of God.

"This experience — it is the real catastrophe of mankind, more than all wars and their horrors — imposes a burden upon Jewry, not only in Israel; and it imposes its burden upon us Germans. One obtains no assistance here from pointing to young people, who have the freedom of not being involved,

of non-prejudice. Nobody is relieved of the liability of history. Israel — and the slogans of radical groups change nothing of this — is the grandiose attempt to secure a safe homeland for a people who were largely homeless. It is bitter that the birth of this state called for the price of new suffering and new victims. Who would want to keep quiet about that? Who would want to keep quiet about the misery of the Palestinian Arabs? But the role of arrogant world moralists would be out of place here. We should much rather recognize the causality chain of suffering and injustice at its roots — here at the heart of Europe. The Federal Republic, the more fortunate of the two German States which grew up out of the ruins of 1945, assumed the obligation for the survivors.

Israel for its part insists that the "special relationship" must continue for very many years to come. The scars of the past have by no means healed. The very word "Germany" conjures up images and associations in the Jewish mind which altogether preclude a "normal" relationship between the two countries.

Mrs. Meir and her ministers are attempting to ascertain during Mr. Brandt's visit here to what extent his words in Cologne over two years ago still represent his real policies today and in the future.

Help in Europe and U.N.

If the "special relationship" still exists, there will soon be many opportunities for it to manifest itself: in the European Economic Community, at the U.N., and in day-to-day issues of world diplomacy in which Bonn now plays so central a role.

In the EEC, Germany has always been favourably disposed towards Israel's various needs and requests since the first links were forged in the early 'sixties. After Holland, Germany was consistently the most sympathetic of the Six, now the Nine.

As the EEC nations began to speak and act with increasing cohesion on political matters, too, Germany sought quietly to restrain French-inspired pro-Arab moves.

A senior official in Jerusalem, reviewing Germany's role in Europe, said Bonn had always been "most outspoken against the wisdom of a European Middle East initiative." When this initiative was more of a reality and less of a dead duck than it is today, officials in Jerusalem were considerably less certain of stalwart German opposition to French designs. In 1971, before Scheel's visit to Jerusalem, a French Government spokesman caused a flurry here when he said that the German Foreign Minister would be representing the whole EEC in his talks with Israeli leaders. This was at the time of the notorious "working paper," the Schumann Plan, prepared by the French and approved by a panel of top EEC foreign affairs experts, which called for almost total Israeli withdrawal from the administered areas. Mr. Scheel put matters right when he arrived by emphatically stating that he was here as representative of Germany and only of Germany.

In the event, the working paper was shelved, and European activism on the Middle East conflict dwindled from that point, until today even the French themselves admit that the Arab-Israeli conflict

West German Chancellor Willy Brandt is due on Thursday for a four-day official visit, the first by a German head of government in office. German relations with Israel have been "special" in view of the unforgettable crimes against the Jewish people committed by Germans during the

Nazi period. Some Germans argue that it is time these relations became normal and that Israel was treated just like any other country. DAVID LANDAU, our diplomatic correspondent, discusses Mr. Brandt's attitude in the following article.

Does Brandt want to normalize ties with Jerusalem?

must be left to the parties, or to the Powers, and that there is no place for European diplomacy.

But this could change again, and in the event of further hostile French moves Israel would expect from West Germany — assuming the "special relationship" to be still valid as both sides claim — firm and vigorous opposition to France.

The same is true regarding the U.N., of which both Germans are expected to take up membership in the autumn. The EEC countries, again led by France, are tending to vote as a bloc at the U.N. There has never been complete homogeneity on the Middle East (Holland and Denmark have proven valiantly independent), but nevertheless a clear anti-Israel pattern is emerging. So long as the votes are on a strict but toothless condemnation of the damage to Israel is bearable, but a vote of more moment and significance is not inconceivable — especially in the Security Council — and then Israel would look to Germany for support as part of the ongoing repayment of the enormous moral debt which the Federal Republic owes the Jewish People and its State.

Interpretation of '242'

The German Government is on record as subscribing to the English-language version of Security Council Resolution 242 ("territories" — not "the territories"). It may well be required to cast its vote on this question — and Israel will hope for the same steadfastness which Bonn has shown towards Jerusalem until now.

In other words, the "special relationship" must dictate German policies which are not always totally objective and founded on self-interest, but are rooted in the recent history of relations between the two nations. There are several other areas of international affairs where Chancellor Brandt's stature and recent achievements enable him to assist Israel — given that the "special relationship" consideration does in fact play a role in his thinking. Mrs. Meir will probably probe him on some of these points. For instance, given Brandt's blossoming friendship with Brezhnev, his help on the issue of Soviet Jewish emigration would be invaluable. His intervention on behalf of specific cases would almost certainly produce results.

Bonn's new rapport with East Germany affords Israel a sympathetic and convenient channel through which to press its reparations claims against Pankow. The East Germans have never paid a penny, and the chances of a change of heart seem slight. But Brandt will be asked to ascertain authoritatively from the other Germany whether there is any willingness at all now to consider Israel or Jewish demands.

(Israel claimed \$500m. from East Germany as reparations in 1950.)

The question of Arab terrorism is particularly poignant one between Bonn and Jerusalem since the Munich massacre last September, and, incidentally, it was put paid to the Chancellor's visit and certainly postponed it for several months. Since September, Germany enforced severe restrictions on Arab Palestinians living there or seeking entry into Israel, apparently under pressure from radical young wing of Brandt's Social Democratic Party. The Federal Government has shown signs of letting up on its vigilance and control. Israel will ask the Chancellor to remain firm against potential terrorists, and also to lend considerable weight to international efforts to curb terrorism.

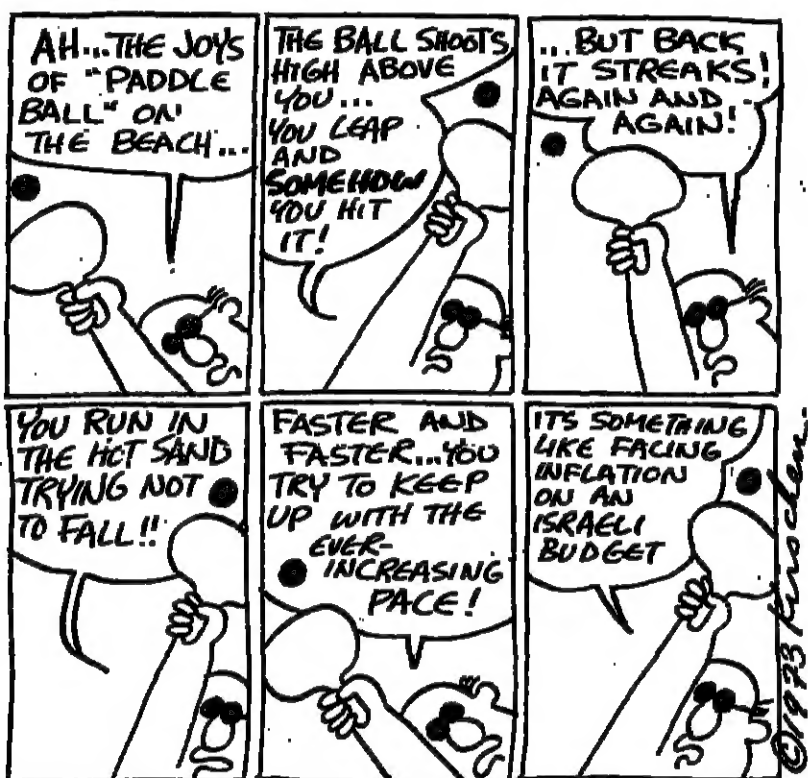
Danger in change

These are only random examples, whole fabric of relations between Bonn and Jerusalem would be affected if relations were to change from "special" to "normal." On the face of it, seemed to be an obvious danger that visit of a Federal Chancellor to Israel would mark the end of the "special" era and start of normalcy. Indeed, such a could not have been countenanced a year ago, and only the personality background of the present Chancellor — it possible even today. And yet these qualifications of Chancellor Brandt — personal freedom from guilt and his readiness to face up to the past with finesse — might erase, according to observers, the national guilt-complex successive German governments while at the foundation of the "special relationship" with Israel.

Israel officials discount this theory, are confident that Chancellor Brandt during his four days here, reaffirm continued significance of the shared past in the ties between the two countries. Even the unemotional Foreign Minister Walter Scheel, who does not speak "special relationship," acknowledges ties with Israel must continue to be on the recent past. No German Government official has ever denied this concept, officials in Jerusalem believe that semantic nuances everyone in Bonn united on this issue.

For this reason, as Brandt himself in the speech cited above, Israel never expressed fears or reservations Bonn's Ostpolitik or its exports to two Arab states. Israel prefers to let Brandt's declarations that his new ships will not be made at the expense of his old.

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To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — Following the break of relations between Burundi and Israel, there arises again the question whether our economic and military efforts in Africa are justified. It is no secret that we are not making these efforts solely out of love, but because we do not wish to be left alone in our international conflicts. Moreover, it is not to be expected that anybody will support us for free. We are trying to obtain the friendship of developing countries — a "bargain" which does not seem to prove itself. I am certain we shall awaken from our illusions.

MISS S. BREITNER
Jerusalem, May 21.

BEACH FOR CRIPPLES

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — I read with grave concern a short while ago an article on the closing down of the Tel Baruch and Herzliya beaches for cripples on account of pollution. I agree that, under such circumstances, these beaches must be closed. But do our municipalities realize that these are the only two beaches in the area where handicapped persons have direct access to the sea? I would therefore like to know what alternative arrangements are being made, or if these unfortunate people are to be deprived of the pleasures of a beach because our municipalities cannot make adequate arrangements for the disposal of their sewage. ROSALYN BRODIE
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